



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

**Notice of Award of a Single-Source Cooperative Agreement to  
Fund the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation**

**AGENCY:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC),  
Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), located within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), announces the award of approximately \$450,000 for Year 1 of funding to the Sierra Leone (SL) Ministry of Health and Sanitation. The award will build laboratory and Strategic Information (SI) capacity to improve the provision of HIV testing, treatment, and retention in line with HIV epidemic control and 95-95-95 (95% of HIV-positive individuals knowing their status, 95% of those receiving ART [Antiretroviral therapy], and 95% of those achieving viral suppression) targets. Funding amounts for years 2-5 will be set at continuation.

**DATES:** The period for this award will be September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2027.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Trong Ao, Center for Global Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC Ghana Office, US Embassy, 24 Fourth Circular Road Cantonments, Accra, Ghana, Telephone: 800-232-6348, E-Mail: tfa8@cdc.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The single-source award will support the National AIDS Control Program of Sierra Leone (SL) in the Ministry of Health and Sanitation to implement HIV strategic information and laboratory strengthening activities in SL. This award will build and strengthen laboratories that are equipped with the appropriate diagnostic technologies, trained and skilled staff, and systems that have the capability to provide efficient services. It will also strengthen SI systems, data quality assurance and capacity of staff responsible for managing facility-based survey and surveillance data operating at national and subnational levels. As the mandated institution to provide HIV treatment clinical services and guidelines in SL, the Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation is in a unique position to conduct this work. The National HIV/AIDS control program is one of the specialized programs within the Ministry of Health.

**Summary of the award:**

**RECIPIENT:** Sierra Leone Ministry of Health and Sanitation.

**PURPOSE OF THE AWARD:** The purpose of this award is to build laboratory and SI capacity to improve the provision of HIV

testing, treatment, and retention in line with HIV epidemic control and 95-95-95 targets. The award will build and strengthen laboratories that are equipped with the appropriate diagnostic technologies, trained and skilled staff, and systems that have the capability to provide efficient services.

**AMOUNT OF AWARD:** The approximate year 1 funding amount will be \$450,000 in Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022 funds, subject to the availability of funds. Funding amounts for years 2-5 will be set at continuation.

**AUTHORITY:** This program is authorized under Public Law 108-25 (the United States Leadership Against HIV AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria Act of 2003).

**PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE:** September 30, 2022 through September 29, 2027.

**Dated: February 1, 2022.**

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